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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR TARNOFF/SPIEGEL
LONDON FOR KAHANE

FROM US DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, WA
SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR PRESENTATION UK-US RHODESIA PROPOSALS

REF: LAGOS 9558

1. ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAVE SOME UNCERTAINTY ON HIATUS ABOUT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF OWEN-YOUNG PRESENTATION, FRONT LINE MEETING SEEMS A VIRTUAL CERTAINTY FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 27. KAUNDA TOLD US ON SUNDAY NIGHT THAT HE HAD NOT COMPLETED CONTACTS WITH COLLEAGUES IN LUANDA AND MAPUTO, HE ANTICIPATED PRESIDENTS' CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING AMONG THEMSELVES ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, AND RECEIVING OWEN AND YOUNG ON SATURDAY.

2. THE FRONT LINE BEING APPARENTLY SET, WE ARE CONSIDERING OUR OVERALL SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING CONSULTATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER HERE PRESSED US THIS MORNING ON TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WHICH HE HAD PERSONALLY RECEIVED FROM LONDON.

THE FOLLOWING IS THAT SCHEDULE WITH ELABORATING EXPLANATION AND CONJECTURE, AS WELL AS QUESTIONS:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

OWEN ARRIVES LAGOS BY RAF PLANE ABOUT 0700 HOURS AND DEPARTS FOR LUSAKA WITH US DELEGATION ABOARD AROUND 1400 HOURS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

MEETINGS WITH FRONT LINE AND/PATRIOTIC FRONT.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

PRESUMABLY FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.

POSSIBLE DEPARTURE OF OWEN (WITH OR WITHOUT YOUNG) FOR NAIROBI.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

OWEN IN NAIROBI. DEPARTURE FROM NAIROBI

AUGUST 29 OR EARLY A.M. AUGUST 30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

MEET WITH SOUTH AFRICANS (IN JOHANNESBURG/PRETORIA?).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICANS (?).

THURSDAY, SEPT 1

MEETINGS IN SALISBURY (ARRIVE AND DEPART SAME DAY).

FRIDAY, SEPT 2

ARRIVE LONDON.

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3. COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION GOING WITH OWEN WOULD BE YOUNG, MCHENRY, MOOSE, COOKS AND PETTERSON. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SEVEN PRESS INCLUDING ABC AND CBS CREWS (THREE EACH) AND VOA CORRESPONDENT ROBERTS. ALTERNATIVELY, IF SPACE IS TIGHT, WE WOULD TAKE ABC ONLY PLUS VOA. FOR LONDON: AS SOON AS CONVENIENT, WE NEED MORE PRECISION ON SPACE AVAILABLE. (SEPTEL).

4. WE ARE SEEKING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARIANNE SPIEGEL (S/

- DEPARTMENT) TO PRECEDE DELEGATION TO LUSAKA FOR CONSULTATIONS ON RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS (SEPTEL).

5. OWEN LAGOS SCHEDULE: WE UNDERSTAND BRITISH SEEKING OWEN MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER GARBA. IF FOR SOME REASON LAGOS STOP BECOMES INCONVENIENT FOR ANY REASON, US DELEGATION COULD RENDEZVOUS WITH OWEN IN ACCRA ASSUMING RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE.

6. LUSAKA SCHEDULE:

(A) WE HAD EARLIER AGREED WITH GRAHAM IN LONDON THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT BEFORE FRONT LINE. MOOSE TOLD NKOMO THIS MONDAY NIGHT, BUT NKOMO SAID ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE MEETINGS MIGHT BE DETERMINED BY FRONT LINE

BEFORE OUR ARRIVAL.

COMMENT: WE SEEM TO BE IN THE AFRICANS' HANDS ON THIS ONE.

(B) WE NEED LONDON'S THOUGHTS ON LUSAKA/JOHANNESBURG DEPARTURE, I.E., WHETHER LATE AUGUST 28 OR EARLY AUGUST 29. WE WOULD OPT FOR FORMER BUT WOULD, OF COURSE, DEFER TO UK SINCE ITS THEIR AIRPLANE.

7. SOUTH AFRICA SCHEDULE:

(A) WE MAY NEED MORE THAN ONE MEETING, SINCE VORSTER TAKES A WHILE TO BLOW OFF STEAM. ADDITIONALLY, WE MAY WANT SOME TIME WITH SAG ON NAMIBIA.

(B) WOULD MEETINGS BE PRETORIA OR JOHANNESBURG? ANDY SUGGESTS POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY OF GETTING AWAY FROM EITHER AND MEETING IN MORE ISOLATION. HE WOULD NOT FORESEE HAVING ANY MEETINGS WI-
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TH BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS DURING HIS STAY.

(C) WHEN WOULD BRITISH WANT TO LEAVE FOR NAIROBI?

8. NAIROBI:

(A) WE WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER PASSING UP NAIROBI. OWEN COULD BRIEF THEM ON RHODESIA INITIATIVE. MOOSE MIGHT ACCOMPANY IF THIS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE.

(B) INSTEAD OF GOING TO NAIROBI, ALL OR PART OF USDEL MIGHT MAKE SIDE TRIP TO BOTSWANA.

9. BOTSWANA: WE ARE AWARE NO HIGH LEVEL US OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TO BOTSWANA, THUS YOUNG VISIT THERE MIGHT BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. WE WOULD LIKE GABORMNE, PRETORIA AND LUSAKA VIEWS ON THIS IDEA, INCLUDING LOGISTIC CONSIDERATIONS. COULD WE DO IT COMMERCIALY OR WOULD AIR ATTACHE OR CHARTER BE REQUIRED? IF AIR ATTACHE, HOW MANY SEATS AVAILABLE? WHAT WOULD PROGRAM BE? IF WE WENT TO GABORONE, HOW COULD WE REJOIN OWEN FOR SALISBURY MEETING?/TENTATIVE, PLEASE MAKE NO MENTION OF THIS TO GOB.)

10. SALISBURY: WHO WOULD WE TRY TO SEE OTHER THAN SMITH AND COMPANY? WHERE WOULD WE SEE MUZAREWA AND SITHOLE?

11. FOR LONDON: SUGGEST YOU SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH FCO TO FACILITATE PLANNING.
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